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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, IS
SUBJ: VISIT BY FONMIN ALLON

1. DURING DISCUSSION TODAY ON OTHER SUBJECTS (SEPTELS), EVRON (MFA) AGAIN MENTIONED FONMIN ALLON'S DESIRE TO GET QUICK RESPONSE RE HIS DESIRE TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING WEEK JULY 28. EVRON SAID THAT GOI WAS NOT "PRESSING" FOR THESE PRECISE DATES, BUT NEEDED TO HAVE FIRM TIMING ASAP IN ORDER TO ORGANIZE ITS WORK PRIOR TO ALLON'S DEPARTURE. HE ADDED THAT NEW ISRAELI CABINET WOULD HOLD THOROUGH AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF ALL IMPORTANT US-ISRAELI BILATERAL AND MID-EAST REGIONAL ISSUES PRIOR TO ALLON'S DEPARTURE. GIVEN UNFAMILIARITY BY MANY MEMBERS OF NEW CABINET OF COMPLEXITIES OF THESE ISSUES, BRIEFING AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS WOULD BE SOMEWHAT TIME CONSUMING. HE THOUGHT, THEREFORE, THAT IF WE COULD NOT AGREE TO THE JULY 28-29 STARTING DATE, A LATER DATE WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT TO ISRAELIS THAN EARLIER DATE BECAUSE OF PRELIMINARY WORK INVOLVED.

2. IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION OF VISIT, EVRON STATED THAT GOI PLANNING BASED ON ASSUMPTION ALLON WILL BE REVIEWING ENTIRE PANOPLY OF IMPORTANT ISSUES WITH USG; HE MENTIONED IN THIS RESPECT THAT SECRETARY HAD SUGGESTED TO ALLON THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR ISREALI VISITORS AND AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS TO "LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR A FEW
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DAYS" IN ORDER TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS

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WITH MINIMUM OUTSIDE DISTRACTIONS.

3. I REPLIED THAT IMPORTANT MATTER SUCH AS
DATES FOR VISIT BY ALLON WOULD HAVE TO BE
CHECKED OUT BY SECRETARY PERSONALLY AND MUCH WOULD DEPEND UPON
OTHER EVENTS WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE SCHEDULED DURING PERIOD
PREFERRED BY ISRAELIS. EVRON SAID THAT GOI UNDERSTOOD THIS
PERFECTLY AND WITHIN CONTEXT OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE WOULD LIKE AN EARLY
REPLY.
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